

SAINT NICHOLAS CARE FUND  
 During Advent each year you are asked to support the Saint Nicholas Care Fund. It used to be known as the Pastoral Care Trust and it supports a wide range of local good causes in our own Archdiocese. Please take a pack from the back of the Church to read about how your donations have helped so many groups. The retiring collection this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent will be for the Saint Nicholas Care Fund.



Advent is called the Season of Hope! You are warmly invited to come along to the hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

at 7.00 pm to enjoy Part 2 of a beautiful video presentation entitled *THE JOY OF HOPE*, filmed on location on the beautiful Greek Holy Island of Patmos, where Scripture tells us the Book of Revelation was written.

Each of the sessions are presented at key places around the island. An uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven.

#### OUR NEW ADVENT GIVING CAMPAIGN

### “Sharing the Journey”

This year during Advent, in a slight change to our usual Advent Giving Project, we would like to support

destitute refugees and asylum seekers here in Glasgow who quite literally have nothing. We have been in touch with a couple of local organisations who support the most destitute of refugees and asylum seekers and they have given us lists of the specific items that would really help them. The idea is, that instead of our usual giving tree, there will be a table with a pile of plastic shopping bags and shopping lists. This is located near our new Shrine of Saint Helen as a reminder of how our Patroness herself and great care of the poor. Please just grab a bag and a list and bring back as many or as few items as you can, and we will ensure that they are delivered each week of Advent to those who need them most. (obviously no need for gift wrap this year!) Thanks so much for the AMAZING response so far. 150 bags have been returned so far!



ADVENT SERVICE: Our Advent Service will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. EVERYONE is welcome to this opportunity of quiet and reflection to prepare for Christmas which will mostly be led by the younger parishioners. We need young readers to volunteer to help at the service. PLEASE SPEAK TO CHIARA this weekend after the 11.00 am Mass or email Mgr. Paul if you can help

AN EVENING RETREAT: ‘Jesus Heals’ – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – 9pm in Holy Cross Church, 113 Dixon Avenue,

Crosshill, G42 8ER. One thing that we share, whether we are 10, 45 or 85, is that we are all in need of ‘healing’, whether in body, mind or spirit. Each one of us, at times, needs to experience God’s loving mercy, which gives encouragement, renewal and refreshment to our faith. You are invited to an evening retreat, which will include a healing Mass, preaching and an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Jilto George CMI will lead the Retreat, which provides an ideal opportunity to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas. Members of the Syro Malankara Community will share the evening with us. Please come along to share the experience and encourage a friend to come with you.

#### ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December priests will be available all day in Saint Andrew’s Cathedral (from 7:45am – 5:45pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Come home for Christmas!*

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will find a wide range of Christmas cards on sale in the stall. Please support your parish by buying cards from the stall – also helping to ensure that the true message of Christmas is sent in your Christmas greeting!

#### ADVENT “WALK WITH ME” BOOKLETS:

The stall also has copies of the Advent *Walk with Me* booklets, priced at £1 which will help you through each day of Advent with prayers and reflections.

#### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

Attendance at Level 2 training is mandatory for all PVG volunteers. Please check the notice boards for details of available training opportunities and sign up by contacting the Safeguarding Team (Jillian Whalley or Georgie Lanagan on 226-5898) or you can book on line via the Archdiocese of Glasgow web site

[www.rcag.org.uk](http://www.rcag.org.uk) and follow this link: (Menu/Safeguarding/Training Dates)

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW  
 VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT  
 EVENINGS: **Catechesis – Adoration - Fellowship:** These will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> January 28<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April and 29<sup>th</sup> May. For further information contact Fr. Ross Campbell, [ross.campbell2@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:ross.campbell2@glasgow.ac.uk) or telephone 0141 339 4315

PRO-LIFE MASS is on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Eddie Highton OFM.



#### SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED John Ferguson

ANNIVERSARIES John O’Neil, Jimmy McGarvey, Eugene Brown, Michael Donnelly & Enzo Morelli

#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen**

come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 145(146):6-10*

### **Come, Lord, and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

## SECOND READING

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Is61:1(Lk4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,  
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

### MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Rosary at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer at 9.50 am and  
Mass at 10.00 am

### CONFESSION:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am  
Saturday 6.15 – 6.45 pm  
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

### ADORATION:

Wednesdays from after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm

### ROSARY FOLLOWED BY NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Masses on holy days of obligation are at 7.30 am,  
12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

## CONTACT DETAILS

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### Permanent Deacon

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# Saint Helen's

One Family, One Heart, One Faith

# BULLETIN

15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019



## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will